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From: Rose, Bob
Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2014 5:38 AM
To: 'Bobby Cochran'
Cc: Hartley, Chris
Subject: RE: Status of Joint Regional Agreement

Bobby:

That's great news the signing is just around the corner.

I'm cc'ing Chris since you mentioned he had just contacted you as well. Assuming Chris contacted in part to also know the status for Ann Mills, I'm OK having that conversation continue with Chris.

I'd be interested in learning more about the pilots as part of any already planned, or future planned calls. No need to go out of your way.

bob

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From: Bobby Cochran [mailto:cochran@willamettepartnership.org]
Sent: Monday, July 14, 2014 10:38 PM
To: Rose, Bob
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OK, I'm back in the saddle now.

I think WA is actually happy to sign the Joint Statement and embrace the Draft Joint Recommendations document. We're working through the nuance of a TMDL as a requirement vs. TMDL as information that a state can choose to make a requirement through its own administrative orders.

Claire is back from Europe and plugged in and helping us work through that. We're hopeful we have a signed Statement at the end of this week or early next.

The more interesting conversation is what happens after that signing. We'll be supporting Idaho DEQ in updating the Boise trading framework to get ready for trading there. We're unsure whether Oregon DEQ will move into rulemaking on trading, but the more interesting pilot there is a more programmatic approach to watershed planning and implementation that can help achieve water quality standards with or without functional TMDLs in place--the conversation over some of the litigation in the state is bigger than trading. We're not sure what pilot look like in WA. We've been talking to Claire and others about stormwater. Ecology is interested in improving quality of BMPs with or without trading.

Happy to hop on the phone and talk through this more. Chris called me right after I sent you my first reply, so I'll talk to him some too.

Bobby

On Mon, Jul 14, 2014 at 12:55 PM, Rose, Bob <Rose.Bob@epa.gov> wrote:

Bobby:

Can you let me know about the following.

As I think I last understood, WA might be hesitant to sign the JRA? For some reason I think I know that. Perhaps not accurate, but that said is the late-2014 date for the JRA still on target?

I ask on behalf of USDA Ann Mills, who would like to have USDA reference the document relative to salmon habitat restoration. I did not ask exactly the connection, but I gather USDA has or wants to be more involved in the issue.

Likely you may want to know more, which we can follow up with Chris Hartley @ USDA. I told Anne the agreement was not final but I would let her know the status.

Thanks. bob

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